

INK ALTERNATES AND PLAIN TEXT SEARCH

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 Providing the ability to search a document for content recorded as both ink
characters and text characters. A character from a search query word is retrieved. A
program retrieves the character in the electronic document. The program determines
if the character in the electronic document is an ink or text character. For text
characters, the character in the document content is compared to a character in the
search query word to determine if the characters match. For ink characters, an ink
15 alternate term is obtained. A character in the ink alternate is compared to the
character of the search query word to determine if the characters match. Once all
characters in the ink alternate word are compared, another ink alternate word is
retrieved and compared to the search query word.